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Consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption

The Commission on Sustainable Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 1997/53 on consumer protection:

(a) Notes with appreciation the organization of the Interregional Expert Group Meeting on Consumer Protection and Sustainable Consumption, held in Sao Paulo, Brazil,[1] and the specific recommendations of that meeting on new guidelines, as requested in resolution 1997/53;

(b) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;[2]

(c) Invites Governments to undertake national consultations, with appropriate stakeholder groups, including consumer organizations and representatives of business, trade unions and non-governmental organizations, on guidelines for sustainable consumption, and to submit their views on the

[1] See E/CN.17/1998/18.

[2] E/CN.17/1998/5.

proposed new guidelines to the Secretariat so that they can be made available to all Governments;

(d) Invites the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development to organize, within existing resources, open-ended consultations among States and to report thereon to the Inter-Sessional Working Group for its consideration, having regard to the report of the Secretary-General;[2]

(e) Requests the Commission on Sustainable Development to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1999 on guidelines for sustainable consumption.